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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

The author of this column does not often write an obituary, and never a eulogy, in this space. The natural preference of every newspaper man is to consider first the present and the living, rather than the past and the dead. But there was something so appealing to the hearts of all who knew her, in the character of Belle Douglass, that an attempt is here made to express it.

What a merry madcap of a girl she was, fairly bursting with the zest of living, playing in the streets with other boys and girls, gay, a bit of a daredevil, a champion even then of the timid and bully ridden. Belle Douglass as a girl foreshadowed the generous, courageous, outspoken woman she grew to be.

While she lived tradition grew up about her. There was that story about the prominent early day citizen who died. In conformity with the customs of the time, it was Belle and a chum of hers, both well along in their teens ,who were requested to sit up with the corpse overnight. One of their duties was to keep a cloth laid over the face of the deceased, moist but not too moist. The cloth was wet,—heavy. Under its pressure the prominent nose of the prominent deceased was bent over toward his left ear. When the girls discovered this along in the wee sma' hours, they went to work to rectify the matter. The nose, it seems was stubborn, like the late citizen. But by hook or crook by break of day the departed's feature had been restored to its natural posture, though the two girls were almost in hysterics. Well, this story has its humor, the robust humor of those long gone times. But it is indicated here that death was more intimately known in that day than it is now in the normal lives of most young folks. The realities of both life and death were impressed on youthful minds, and perhaps, facing them, the generation that grew into adulthood fifty years ago, was cast in a sterner mold than the youth of today.

This we do know, that in Belle Douglass' mind there was never a "no man's land" between good and evil. Her Lord of righteousness with his sword had drawn a sharp thin line between the battling forces, and beyond that line was only the outer darkness. Born of a father and mother, who made their home in this city in 1854, she grew to womanhood in the best Argonaut tradition of simple, decent, piety, of friendliness and generosity, or neighborliness, and of all pervading charity for those less fortunate. These attributes, she manifested daily throughout her life. She loved Nevada City and was always willing and ready to crusade for its advancement.

The Lone Grave of the emigrant child, above the five mile house, is marked largely because Belle Douglass believed that the little child resting there, was, in a way, a symbol of the sacrifices the pioneers made in their hard journey to California. The marking of historic buildings with plaques, so that posterity might see with its own eyes the work of the hands of those builders long dead, who had done their part in creating a great state in the union of states, was to her, a patriotic rite. It was Belle Douglass, a little tired now, but pushed on by that indomitable spirit of hers, who found a donor who would give the price for the files of the Nevada City Daily Transcript, and saw to it, too, that they were safely housed in the city's library. There it is, a newspaper file from 1860 to 1905, a treasure for historians and for all those who seek to recreate the brave days of Nevada City's youth.

If for many years now Nevada City has been free of most of the deadfalls and dives that characterize other mining communities, it is largely because Belle Douglass hated to see her native city sullied

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Lava Cap Miners Vote To Continue Work At Present Wage Scale

The mine workers of the Lava Cap have voted by a 193 to 67 to continue working under the same conditions and for the same wages as at present. The basic wage is $6.48 per eight hour day. There are now 320 miners employed.

Last week they made a request for a raise to $1.10 per hour or $8.80 per day. When Otto Schiffner, general manager, of the company explained that the mine was making little or not profit, and that an increase in operating costs of more than $200,000 a year was out of the question, that in fact, any increase would result in closing the mine, the men by an overwhelming ,three-to-one majority voted to continue operation under present conditions at present wage scale.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN HILLS PRESENTED

Max Solaro, chief of police, reports that thanks to generous donations both from local donors and from supply companies delivering goods in Nevada City, the Nevada City Fire Department was able to provide toys and gifts for 85 children. Those living along San Juan Ridge received theirs on December 24. On Christmas Eve children in Nevada City's outlying sections were visited and made happy. Chief Solaro spends much of his spare time in November and December in repairing, painting and renovating toys which are left with him by families in which the children have outgrown their playthings.

FOUR MEN HURT WHEN CAR SKIDS

Three soldiers from Camp Beale and a civilian, were hurt at 2 o'clock yesterday morning when their car skidded on the Marysville highway eight miles west of Grass Valley.

The three soldiers were Collins Richardson, Jesse Moore, and William Chappell. The civilian was Herbert Humblat. The car skidded at Casey's Corner, hit the bank on one side of the road, glanced off, hit an oak tree on the other side. Holmes Funeral Home sent an ambulance to the scene and the men were brought to Memorial hospital. Injuries consisted of cuts and bruises. None was critically hurt.

Mrs. Gertrude Champion Summoned by Death

Mrs. Gertrude Gloria Champion, 38, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at the Nevada City Sannitarium. She resided at 3690 Alta street in Grass Valley and had been ill but a few days.

She was the wife of Sergeant Everett Champion, U. S. Army. She was born in San Francisco but for the past ten years made her home in Grass Valley where she was employed in Safeway Store. She and her husband were married last October 16.

Surviving her besides her husband is her mother. Mrs. Loretta Cochran of San Francisco, a brother, Harold Cockran, also of San Francisco and a son, Harold Demonte of the same city.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.

FAMILY REUNION AT GEORGE LEGG HOME

The George Legg home was the scene of a happy reunion and family dinner on Christmas day. The center of interest was Tom Legg who arrived in Nevada City to visit his parents a few days before Christmas. Tom, who is in the navy and is on furlough for two or three weeks arrived in San Francisco in the same convoy that brought the S. S. San Francisco. Tom saw a great deal of action in the South Pacific and is happy to be home for a vacation. His parents and friends are happy that he came home uninjured and in good health. Guests at the dinner in Tom's honor were: Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Legg of Berkeley, Mrs. Martha Hogue, Miss Mary Hoskins, Miss Fidella Legg of Vallejo, Mr. Leslie Johnson of Vallejo, two soldier boys from Camp Beale, Mr. and Mrs. George Legg and Tom Legg.

ROUTE FOR NEW ROAD TO BRANDY CITY SURVEYED

Ambrose Desmond, an engineer from the forest service regional office in San Francisco is making the road survey for the proposed access road from Indian Valley to the Brandy City lumber tract, located in the drainage of Fiddle and Cherokee creeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond are staying with Mrs. Desmond's brother John M. Griffith of Goodyear Bar while Desmond is working on the road survey. James E. Higgins who was a member of the Downieville district protection force this past summer has been assisting Desmond with his survey work.

On Tuesday of last week forest supervisor Guerdon Ellis and forest engineer Gerald Mitchell went over the proposed road location with Desmond.

YOUTH TO GET SPECIALIZED WAR TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. — The program for ultilizing college end university facilities to give specialized training to young men in the armed services was announced jointly by Secretaries Stimson and Knox. Mr. Stimson said the program would go far toward temporarily destroying liberal education in America so far as the able-bodied men of college age are concerned, but would not have a permanently bad effect. Mr. Knox thought it an attempt to preserve liberal education during the war, as preference would be given to smaller not so richly endowed colleges whose existence might be threatened by the war. Meanwhile, a new bulletin has been sent to local Selective Service Boards granting temporary deferment for college and university students and instructors in certain medical, engineering and other technical fields, all university men have been advised to remain in school until called for military service, and the 18 and 19 year olds have been told not to hesitate to enroll to begin their college training.

The rules and regulations under which schools will be selected for the program will be prescribed by WMC Chairman McNutt, after consultation with Secretaries Stimson and Knox, the actual selection to be made by a joint committee consisting of representatives of the armed services and the WMC. A questionnaire on staffs and facilities has already been sent to all the higher educational institutions in the country, and the schools chosen will, under contract with the army and the navy, furnish instruction in prescribed courses and also furnish the necessary housing and messing facilities. Qualified young men detailed to those institutions will be on active duty, in uniform, with regular service pay and subject to general military discipline.

CHRISTMAS TREE WEDNESDAY

The Methodist Church Sunday School Christmas tree entertainment will be held Wednesday night at the church. A nice program has been prepared. Santa Claus will be there with a treat for each member of the Sunday school. It is hoped all members of the Sunday school and their parents will be present.

ASHES OF BELLE DOUGLASS WILL BE BROUGHT HERE

Funeral services were held in Oakland Saturday for the late Belle Rolfe Douglass, who passed away in Piedmont Thursday morning. She had suffered a stroke of paralysis on Wednesday and death followed shortly. Her remains were cremated. She was 74 years of age and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ianthus Jerome Rolfe, who made their home on East Broad street in 1854 where she was born in 1868. Surviving Mrs. Douglass are an only son, Howard L. Douglass of Phoenix, Arizona, her sister, Mrs. H. J. Wright of this city, and a number of nephews, nieces and grand nieces.

Mrs. Douglass was a charter member of the Laurel Parlor of Native Daughters of the Golden West and of the Women's Civic club of this city. She was deeply interested in all civic advancement, and took an active part in seeing to it that bronze tablets were placed on historic buildings of Nevada City or were erected to mark historic spots. The marker over the Lone Grave above the Five Mile house on the Tahoe Ukiah highway is due in large measure to her enlisment of general interest in it.

If Nevada City has no dives or deadfalls and no slot machines, it is largely because Belle Douglass rallied public sentiment against the establishment here of anything approaching a "wide open town."

A great number of citizens who knew Belle Douglass will mourn her passing. Her ashes will be brought to Nevada City for interment.

WAR PRODUCTION FOR 1942 TOTALS 25 BILLION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A production report released by WPB states that 1943 production for war alone will have to equal the value of all the goods and services produced by the nation in its years of greatest prosperity. Although the U. S. is making as many combat weapons today as the entire axis, in 1943 it will have to do a "better than a $90,000,000,000 war job."

Under secretary of War Patterson gave the following figures for 1942 production of war weapons. More than 23,000 tanks, more than 3,000 90mm anti aircraft guns, more than 000, 40mm anti aircraft guns, more than 300,000 .50 cal. machine guns, and more than 500,000 machine guns of all types. And small arms ammunition coming off the lines at better than 1,000,000,000 rounds a month. The Maritime Commission announced a new monthly record in the production of liberty ships—68 liberty ships were turned out in November at an average of only 56 days from keellaying to delivery. This is a cut of 10 days from the October average, and represents one fourth the time necessary last January when the program was started.

The dollar value of military supplies acquired for the army in 1942, including all munitions and equipment was set by Under Secretary Patterson at $25,000,000,000 as against $5,000,000,000 in 1941 and $1,000,000,000 in 1940. Munitions, exclusive of aircraft, acquired by the army this year will amount to $11,000,000,000, or about 90 per cent of U. S. and allied stated requirements.

High School Romance Culminates in Reno Wedding

A high school romance culminated last week in the wedding of Miss Barbara Archibald of Grass Valley and Warren Smith of Nevada City. They were married quietly in Reno with the hope that the wedding could be kept secret. It soon leaked out and both are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Archizald of Grass Valley and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith of Nevada City. Archibald is a mining engineer, and Leland Smith, father of the bridegroom, is assistant supervisor of Tahoe National Forest in charge of grazing and recreation.

WILLIAM BENNETT, ARMY AIR CORPS ACE, KILLED IN ACTION

The War Department has notified Mrs. William Bennett of this city that her husband, Lieutenant Bennett, was killed in action in the South Pacific on December 3. No details were given.

Young Bennett was an ace having shot down five or more Jap planes and had been promoted to a first lieutenancy. He had been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action beyond the line of duty. In recent months he had been made a flight commander. It is known that he was lately stationed at Fort Moresby and it is assumed that he was killed in an aerial battle in the Buna area on New Guinea.

He was married on January 6 to Miss Ruth Curnow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Curnow of this city and sailed for Australia six days later.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth R. Bennett of Nevada City, and besides his parents is survived by two sisters, Jane and Mary Bennett.

Lieut. Bennett was a graduate of the Nevada City high school, attended the University of Nevada, received his training for the army air corps mainly at Stockton Air Field and Hamilton Field. As a student in high school he was dinstinguished as a football player and athlete. He was popular with his teachers and school mates as he was later with his officers and comrades of the air corps. He was but 22 years old.

Lieut. Bennett was the second Nevada City boy to lose his life in the battle of the South Pacific. It was only a few months ago that Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ferguson of Town Talk received a message from the War Department that their son, Tevis, had been killed in an accident over Australian flying field. Both boys were warm friends. They had received their training together and sailed on the same ship.

ASSEMBLY TO SEE PRACTICE AND THEORY CONFLICT

By JOHN W. DUNLAP

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—(UP)—The contrast between practical politics and efficient theory of government may become a hot issue when the state assembly convenes next January 4.

The long-time practice has been to have some 58 committees, which gives all the important members a chairmanship, maybe a vice chairmanship and up to eight committees on which to serve. This looked very impressive to the folks back home, and adorning the top of the assembly letterheads.

But actually, no member could attend that many meetings, let alone do a conscientious good job of studying their bills. Members always had conflicts on dates and almost hopeless confusion resulted. Many committees had few bills, the system was a joke. The senate long ago simplified its procedure, although there are only half as many senators and hence only 40 men to please.

Assemblyman Charles Weber, of Stockton, deplored the confusion and set about to plan out an orderly method of committees. His streamlined plan, worked out over several years, called for 27 committees. Each member had only four committees, or five at the most, with no conflicts. He had time to devote to each group, more time for his own affairs, and speeding up of business was inevitable.

Weber even got his plan adopted in 1941 but was neatly sidestepped b political shenanigans. But he was promised the plan would go in for 1943 and he's been mapping it all out ever since. The system is so simple and so perfectly coordinated through Weber's hard work, that Assemblyman Charles Lyon, unopposed for the speakership, put his stamp of approval on it. Members were polled on their preference for committees and the lists were dovetailed into the charts and all seemed serene.

The hitch was that only 27, instead of 58 members could be chairmen. Obviously, Lyon gave Republicans the best jobs, although the Democrats were to get some of the important spots. And the pressure is on from many quarters.

Lyon was assured of the speakership by a petition circulated by his friends. To get the signatures, some preference may have been expressed on committees desired. At any rate, when Lyon revealed the tentative draft of committee chairmanships, there came a rumble of discontent, particularlyy from those in Southern California who felt they had better treatment coming.

Lyon is one of the smartest legislators in the business from his many years in both houses. He is almost certain to ride out any storm because he has a strong bloc of friends to suport him. But the bleats of the members who overlook the businesslike advantages of the Weber plan may raise some fuss.

For the first time in his administration, Governor Olson elevated a judge to the supreme court when he gave the nod to Justice B. Ray Schauer of the Los Angeles appellate bench. His previous three choices, Director of Finance Phil Gibson, State Senator Jesse Carter and Professor Roger Traynor, had no previous judicial background.

The choice was ratified quickly by a qualifications commission consisting of Governor-elect Earl Warren, acting as attorney general, Presiding Justice Gibson, and John Nourse, presiding justice of the first district appellate court.

To succeed Schauer Olson named Brodie Ahlport, law partner of Richard Olson, the governor's son and former private secretary.

Governor -elect Warren is hitting the jackpot on his appointments. When he elevated State Engineer Charles Purcell to the post of director of public works, he drew commendation from all quarters. No engineer in the state is better known nor respected for his work. Purcell brings a lifetime of achievement to the new post and as Warren put it to newsmen, "encourages these men in public service to aspire to the top jobs without jeopardizing their civil service and security."

STATE HOSPITALS CAN $184,577 OF FARM PRODUCTS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—(UP)—A train of 42 box cars would be required to haul the output of the state's eight mental hospital canneries—a total of 421,580 gallons of fruits and vegetables, during the canning season just ended.

The department of institutions estimated that the value of the total pack was $184,577, on a wholesale basis.

To show the variety of the canning, the 23 kinds of processed products included tomatoes, catsup, tomato juice, string beans, lima beans, beets, carrots, spinach, Swiss chard, pumpkin, sauerkraut, apples, applesauce, apricots, cherries, peaches, plums, pears, prunes, berries and assorted jams and jellies. The output came from 5,200 acres of institutional orchards and gardens.

Institutions expect to get priorities on cans needed for future operations and mode land will be brought under cultivation in 1943.

Twenty One Nevada County Soldiers to Leave Dec. 30.

Twenty one selectees from Nevada county have been inducted into the U.S. Army and will leave this city December 30 for duty. The new soldiers are:

Beverton E. Aver, Ferny B. Green, Gino Benuzzi, Robert E. Eddy, Cecil E. Self, Angus C. Fov, Jr., Thomas H. Randall, Otto Frederick, Byron C. Barnes, Jennings M. Jasperson, George J. Bertoncini, Albert J. Crouse, Kenneth M. Covington, Roland L. Garwood, Cecil H. Angove, Claude R. Prine, Howard M. Wasley, Doyle F McGuinn, Clifford T. Mtehes, George J. Partington, Harry W. Johns.

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THE EDITORIAL CIRCUIT RIDER

(By J. F. McLaughlin)
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Allied strategy directed toward forcing Italy out of the war — through bombings and propaganda campaigns—appears on the way to success, according to California editors.

But it was agreed the Italians can't quit until Mussolini is discarded and Hitler's forces ousted from their homeland.

"Germany," notes the Santa Rosa Press Democat, "is pouring military forces and fighting machinery into Italy on a vast scale. Will the people of Italy be able to purge themselves of Benito Mussolini and get out of the war, or will they be forced by Hitler to stay in the fight and take a terrible beating? Churchill invited the people of Italy to revolt against the Fascist regime and make a separate peace. Daily broadcasts from England and the United States to Italy repeat that invitation. Everybody knows the morale of Italy is breaking."

"Nobody", adds the Long Beach Press Telegram, "can say how effective it is, but spokesmen of the United Nations are persisting in the effort to show the people of Italy how profitless for them is is to fight the battles of the Fascist dictator—Mussolini — and of the German dictator —Hitler —neither of whom has brought them anything but hardship, danger and sacrifice."

However, according to the San Bernardino Evening Telegram, "there is little likelihood that the Italian people can break with Hitler. Even though the Italian people are heart sick over the war, and are now being evacuated from the large cities, there is not much they can do about the situation. There is no strong leader who might demand peace and challenge the German army to do its worst. The allies will probably have to knock Italy out of the war."

"The crisis in Italian morals, emerging more and more clearly out of the fog of European possibilities," said the Pittsburg Independent. "does not astonish anyone. Perhaps least of all does surprise Mussolini himself, whose career, in ranting with gestures has faded into that of a tired, wheezing, aging man. Will the erstwhile 'strong man' on the balcony in Rome be the first to exit? Who will follow?' The mills of God grind slowly but they grind exceedingly small."

Commenting on Hitle's congratulatory message to Il Duce saying "victory has always gone to those nations which, have dared their all." the San Francisco Chronicle declares:

"Mussolini certainly 'dared his all." It was double or nothing as he cast the dice and now, as he reads 'em and weeps, he knows he has lost not only his pants and his shirt but even the last barrel in the joint."

"Italy's growing unrest," states the Pasadena Post, "is reflected in the Fascist order to close the schools while the children may be removed from the industrial centers. Guerilla focres in both Yugoslavia and Greece admost daily cut railway lines and blow up railway stations. Meantime France instead of being a party to Nazo collaboration is a nation sullenly awaiting defeat of Germany. It does not make a pretty picture for the Nazi fuehrer to contemplte."

Nor is the African front situtution to his liking, said the Madera Daily Tribune, continuing: "If the German and Italian front cracks, the allied offensive will start rolling toward Germany at a speed that will quickly climax the war. Hitler knows this and he knows that to hold the home morale he must stop the allies on the Mediterranean and or make plans to flee both his own people and the allied armies."

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and stained by the greedy fingers of vice. There is not room here to recount the crusades she led. It will serve merely to remind those who read this column of how often she quickened their conscience in matters pertaining to the city's welfare. or, to recall her activities in behalf of children, the needy children of the city, both as secretary of the Benevolent Association for many years, and as one of those who annually staged the pageant of the "White Christmas."

We can all remember how she hated hypocrisy, dishonesty, and everything unclean. How she loved flowers and trees, and joyed in planting trees, and blooming things; how she made cookies for small boys and girls, and even when she had little herself, how she moved to help others, quietly and kindly sharing the little that she had.

We doubt if anyone will ever love this city as Belle Douglass loved it, fought for it, and sacrificed for it. Those of us who live on for a while will not forget her, her courage, her generosity, and that sharp nudge she gave our consciences when we lagged in well doing. We doubt if this day or coming days will bring another like her, to us.

Not that Belle Douglass would approve, because we well know she would not, but we would like to see erected over her ashes when they come to rest here, a smooth polished shaft of our native granite, erected in her memory, not as stated—because she cared for such things as grave stones, for herself, but because her life was of so much more value to us, and to posterity, than all the old buildings she so industriously plaqued. On that monument we would like to see cut in good plain lettering a legend, running something like this:

To
BELLE ROLFE DOUGLASS
1868-1942

This stone is erected by her fellow citizens to attest her courage, her righteousness, and her tireless effort to make Nevada City a better town in which to live.

Applications for 1943 motor vehicle registration renewal will be accepted at the Nevada county office of the department of motor vehicles, at Hills Flat, beginning Saturday, January 2.

The amount of the fee, together with the 1942 registration card, must be presented. The amount due is shown on the lower left-hand corner of the registration card (white slip.)

Capt. Joe Blake will be in charge of the Nevada county office.

Applicants for renewal will receive serially numbered receipts in lieu of the 1943 metal tabs. The tabs and registration cards will be mailed to the applicant at a later date. The receipt will serve as evidence that an application has been filed and the legal fee paid until such time as the manufacturers deliver the tabs for public distribution.

LIBERTY SHIPS CAN TAKE IT, SEA CAPTAIN SAYS

SAUSALITO, Dec. 28. — Liberty ships are hard to beat for seaworthiness and ability to take punishment from Nazi submarines. This was the assertion of Captain Joseph C. Smith who told Marinship workers during an inyard program today something of his experiences at sea.

A few weeks ago Captain Smith's Liberty ship was attacked in the Atlantic by two Nazi U-boats. While one submarine shelled his vessel with 5 inch guns, the other released torpedoes. The shells passed clear through the ship, which was travelling light, and it was only after several torpedoes found their mark that the ship gave up the fight.

Captain Smith related that he has seen Liberty ships ride out the most severe weather with ease. Liberty ships are five times stronger than the old riveted ships and the men like to work on them, Captain Smith stated.

One of the Liberty ships recently launched at the Marinship yard in Sausalito will be taken to sea by Captain Smith, who said that the majority of the crew with him when his last ship went down, are ready to sail with him again.

CAR SHARING MAJOR WAR NEED IN CALIFORNIA

Car sharing is a necessity of the war, more urgently needed in the west than any other part of the nation, and needed in California more than any other part of the west.

The California State Automobile Association thus described the importance of car sharing as a means of meeting the difficulties of transportation resulting from gasoline rationing. The automobile association has established ride swapping centers at all of its offices.

Reasons why California has greater need for resorting to group riding were listed by the association as these:

The top position of California in per capita ownership of automobiles.

Greater dependence upon automobiles for all kinds of travel.

The fact that the state's transportation facilities could not begin to absorb the load were any considerable number of automobiles to go out of use.

The car owner who joins in a ride sharing group, the association commented, is demonstrating that he realizes his car is an essential unit of the nation's wartime transportation, and that he is its custodian.

If any member of your family has failed to obtain War Ration Book One—the sugar book — better see that he or she does so before the extended deadline January 15. Not only is this book necessary for obtaining sugar and coffee, it also is needed before War Ration Book Two can be secured early in 1943.

"Junior, did you pick all the white meat off this chicken?"

"Yes, mother. I might as well make a clean breast of it."

REFORM SCHOOL YOUTHS TO HELP PLANT GUAYULE

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—(UP)—A contract from the federal government will enable the California Youth Correction Authority to cut its budget for the next two years.

Harold A. Sloane of Los Angeles, a member of the authority, announced the authority has a $1,286,000 contract with the United States Department of Agriculture to aid in establishing and maintaining a camp program and guayule rubber project. The authority will furnish a minimum of 400 delinquent boys a years to work in the camps.

The federal funds will amount to $2.50 per youth a day and the boys may keep 50 cents of each day's earnings.

The reorganized program, which has the approval of Governor Elect Earl Warren, calls for a reduction of the $3,199,000 state budget request recently submitted by the authority to $571,254 for the 1943-1944 biennium.

Proposed legislation would extend to January 1, 1946, the date when the authority would assume full jurisdiction over all young law violators in California under 23 years of age.

Under the Youth Correction Authority Act, passed by the last legislature, all law breakers under 23 years were to be taken over by the authority on January 1, 1944 with broad powers in the hands of the new agency.

The decision to postpone its complete effectiveness for two more years, if the legislature is agreeable, was reached, Slane announced, after it had been considered by the authority, the governor elect and the budgeting officials of the finance department.

They decided that war conditions and the difficulty in obtaining proper personnel to handle the huge task caused them to make the decision.

The last legislature gave the authority only $100,000 to begin its work. With the declaration of war, the authority decided two of its three members would forego for the duration the $10,000 a year salaries voted by the legislature, launching the program with Slane the only full-time salaried member.

California Selective Service System Praised

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24.—(UP)—The manner in which California has met the demands of the Selective Service system was praised by Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, in a letter to Gov. C. L. Olson.

"As governor of the state you should take a well deserved pride in the part played by California under your leadership in the success of the selective service system," Hershey wrote.

"War doubled and redoubled the work and responsibilities of selective service. The manner in which your state met those demands gives me confidence that come what may the selective service system will demonstrate that democracy is not dead and that free men can still meet the most trying tasks and solve them with fairness and dispatch."

"Aren't you being extravagant—buying two fur coats?"

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CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM DOMINATES

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

"The thing I like about the kind of criticism of the government which has abounded of late," says Lewis Haney, professor of economics at New York University, "is its essentitally constructive spirit. The criticism is directed toward those policies of the government which have been adopted for the purpose of expanding the government. There is no criticism of powers exercised for war purposes."

This is an excellent analysis. Certainly it applies to the attitude of farmers and farm organizations, for the farming industry —perhaps the severest critic of many of the New Deal's current policies—has stayed on the job, working almost double the hours of men in urban war industries, so that the American people and American troops, and our allies, could have the supplies they desperately require.

There has been no shirking on the part of the farmer, despite his mounting impatience with government bungling or war time production problems, and there will be none. The farmer, still being an outspoken individualist, will say what he thinks needs saying—he still believes that's his prerogative as an American citizen—but even when he chafes under restrictions and regulations which make his job doubly difficult he will still get up at five o'clock in the morning and work until 8 o'clock at night, trying to do his job with wholly inadequate equipment and with a critical shortage of workers.

It is necessary to make that statement for the record at this time, because certain Washington bureaucrats, when their mistakes are called to public attention, have lately sought to defend themselves by charging that all who spoke ill of the government were guilty of subversive activities. Quite the contrary is true. When the farmer complains that mismanagement of wage and price controls has drained away his labor, and is threatening his ability to meet government production quotas, he is rendering a patriotic service to his country. If he followed the line of least resistance, said nothing, but produced less, he would neither be a good farmer nor a good citizen.

Farmers, by and large, have been critical of Washington officials for two reasons: First, when they believed that their rulings and regulations evidenced a manifest lack of understanding of farm problems, and would curtail badly-needed farm production. Second, when they believed that certain bureaucratic officials were seeking to take advantage of the war period to concentrate power in the government, or to introduce socialistic or communistic practices that are utterly foreign to the American way of life and destuctive of the system of free enterprise.

Dr. Haney of New York University stated it succinctly when he said:

"There is almost no resistance to sacrifices required for war purposes. I, for one, believe that, in total war, the government should go to great lengths in controlling production and rationing consumption, including manpower regulation. All of us will gladly give our all for taxes that are required to save our nation.

It is when the power is used for other than war puroses, and the money is wasted or spent for propaganda and vote buying, that we object.

"When a measure is proposed which would not help to win the war, but would hinder our success, there now goes up a storm of protest. As the people read the lists of their dead, this spirit will grow, and by the time the newly-elected congress assembles, I believe that there will be little to fear from socialism in this country."

If farmers, and other right-thinking Americans, by exercising their right of protest even during wartime, are able to defend American democrary at home, while our boys are fighting for it in foreign lands, then it will be constructive criticism indeed. And if farmers are able to produce more, and to aid in winning the battle more quickly, by calling attention to governmental shortcomings, then, certainly, the will have rendered a worthwhile service to their country.

POLITICAL PARADE

By CLEM WHITAKER

California, during Earl Warren's administration as governor, will have a "war cabinet" composed of the ablest men and women available regardless of party ties or past affiliations.

That pledge, made repeatedly by Earl Warren during his campaign for governor, is now well on its way to fulfillment.

With his inauguration only a few days distant, governor-elect Warren has clearly indicated, by the selection of key members of his official family, that he intends to keep his commitments to the people of California.

The measure of Warren's sincerity is attested by his appointments to his own office staff—a vital link in any state administration—and by his appointees as director of finance and director of public works, the two most powerful positions in his cabinet.

William T. Sweigert of San Francisco, a Democrat, who will be in charge of the secretariat in the governor's office, is giving up an $8,000 a year job to take a $5,000 job as one of Warren's secretaries. And "Bill" Swengert, who is quitting as chief assistant attorney general to take up his new tasks, has no ulterior motives. He is taking the job out of loyalty to his "boss", Earl Warren and he will undoubtedly be one of the ablest men in the governor's office in many a year.

Helen MacGregor, who has been named to one of the other secretarial positions in the governor's office, is one of the few women in California to be so honored, but Miss MacGregor is thoroughly capable and well trained, and will undoubtedly prove that a woman can give a good accounting of herself in a man's job.

In charge of press relations for the governor's office. Verne Scoggins, veteran political writer for the Stockton Record is recognized by his newspaper associates as a top-notcher, with a knowledge of state government which will be of great value in smoothing the way for the new administration.

Probably the two men who can do more to make—or break—a governor than an others in his oficial family are his director of finance and his director of public works. To these two key positions, Warren has named John F. Hassler, city manager of Oakland, as arbiter of state finance, and Charles H. Purcell, veteran state highway engineer, as czar of public works. Both appointments have met with splendid public reaction. Hassler has had a very successful career as an East Bay administrator, and before that as a banking official. Purcell, "father of the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge", is perhaps one of the ablest construction executives in the whole country.

Thus far, at any rate, Governor-elect Earl Warren gives promise of surrounding himself with able department heads. And that, in state government, is more than half the battle.

"Why did you leave your last job?"
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Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schiffner had as Christmas guests their sons, Robert Schiffner from Turlock Camp, Calif.; Milton Schiffner and family of San Francisco; Delbert Schiffner and family of Napa, and Mrs. Emily Langerquist and daughter Ann.

Sheriff and Mrs. Carl Tobiassen received calls at noon Christmas day from their sons, Carl, Jr., a marine, San Diego, Elton, "Bub" Tobiassen of coast guard, Winchester Bay, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wisker and daughter, Frances, of Sacramento spent Christmas and the week end with Mrs. Wisker's sister, Miss Alma Marsh of Park avenue.

Miss Joyce Henwood of Berkeley spent the Christmas holidays in Nevada City and Grass Valley visiting her two grandmothers, Mrs. C. Muscardini and Mrs. Henwood, respectively.

Allen Joyner of Grass Valley has gone to Monterey as a candidate for officers military training camp. His wife, the former Ellen Curtis, has moved to Nevada City to be with her mother, Mrs. C. Muscardini.

Luther Marsh who is employed in building construction for the Kaiser Co., in Richmond spent Christmas and the rest of the week with his family on Prospect street.

Harold Young of Oakland surprised his mother on Christmas Day by coming up for the holiday to make the day one of complete happiness as she had all of her children with her.

Mrs. Leslie Land spent Sunday in Sacramento visiting her brother and family and nephew, Cecil Horner and family.

Holiday guests at the Arthur Pratti home were Mrs. A. Renfree, "Shorty" Foote and family. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pratti and Miss Ida Pratti. They have all returned to San Francisco where the men are engaged in war work.

JAPS ON ICE

The Japs are still holding Kiska, not because they want to be there, but because they can't get off, according to a report from the Anchorage Times. United States bombers have silenced their shore batteries, shot their planes out of the air and sunk the ships trying to relieve them. And the Jap troops still marooned there are literally on ice, probably for the duration, or until they are blasted out of existence.

That's reassuring news, indeed. Jap warriors are one commodity we are glad to see frozen.

WPB Intelligencia: A rush order for pipe and fittings had been under way at a certain pipe line plant when a wire was received ordering shipment at once.

As all of the pipe had not been threaded a reply was sent stating that the pipe would be shipped as soon as the threads were completed. Then came the peremptory order "Ship pipe immediately; send threads later."

In the happy careless days of yore, in Nevada City when two friends owned adjoining lots, and buildings went up in hurry, the wall between them was owned jointly as a rule. But in these more careful times it takes quite some mathematics to figure out who owns the intervening wall, or whether it is still the joint property of the heirs and assigns of the original builders.

(From the Mountain Messenger)

It pays to advertise. That large add about "If it's printing you want" that has been running in the Messenger so long has finally borne fruit. We turned out our first job work. The rollers were so gummed up from non use that Tom had a hard time to clean them. He tried gasoline but it would not cut it. The managing editor suggested alcohol and asked Tom what effect he thought the fumes might have on him. Tom answered "Nothing matters now except the aroma from steeping coffee. All other desires are secondary to that."

If your best friend has a new baby write don't wire congratulations. for the Board of War Communications has ruled that wires of congratulations or felicitations are out for the duration to make way for war business.

Dig out your photograph albums if they contain pictures made during peacetime travels in Europe, Africa, Asia or the Far East for they may be of help to the war effort. The Pictorial Division of the Office of Strategic Services needs the following types of pictorial records of fighting fronts of the world: aerial views, industrial installations, airfields, highways, docks, harbors, the coastline, beaches, canals, rivers. Films, post cards and photos of these may yield helpful information, and the office of strategic services will return them promptly in the same condition received. However, before sending in materials, apply for a questionnaire form by writing: Col. L. E. Norris, Strategic Phtos, Box 46, Station G, New York City.

And on the subject of snapshots, camera enthusiasts will find it advisable to slow down on their hobby for the duration. The amount of film available for snapshots has been cut 50 per cent below last year's output because of the heavy military demand for films and raw materials. The same order effects the film available to moving picture amateurs. So baby's first year may not be so pictorially recorded by fond parents as in previous years.

One of these days if the matches you buy are about a quarter of an inch shorter, that will mean seven million board feet of wood saved. Shortening match sticks is being considered by match manufacturers and the WPB to conserve the supply. Meantime, the WPB is asking us to think twice before striking matches wastefully. Every year we use more than 500 billion matches. But more are needed this year because of the increased use by the armed forces and for exports to countries where they are scarce.

Mrs. America's pepper shakers should be filled for at least two years judging from the present supplies stored in this country. In some sections, however, normal distribution has been upset slightly. But this is because some owners anticipated higher ceiling prices. However, the OPA has assured them that there will be no upward revision of prices.

"Is your wife a club woman, Mike?"

"No, sir. She usually throws dishes at me."

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Farm WAR NEWS

From Nevada County USDA War Board

President Roosevelt has proclaimed January 12 as "Farm Mobilization Day" to focus nationwide attention on the importance and problems of farm production in 1943. Farmers are asked to celebrate the day by discussing ways and means of achieving maximum production of vital foods. Plans are under way for national radio braodcasts to observe the event.

"I should like Farm Mobilization day to be a symbol of free America; a symbol of the might and productivity of our nation; and a symbol of our unalterable determination to put to full use our agricultural resources as well as our other resources in the achievement of complete victory," the president said in making the proclamation.

In other states, farm mobilization day will be used to launch the registration of farms for 1943 production. Because of earlier planting dates here, the farm signup was begun in California during the early part of November now is nearly completed.

FARM MACHINERY INVESTIGATION

Chairman Truman of the special senate committee investigating farm machinery shortages, forecasts that hearings will be held in January to determine the extent of the shortage and if further allocations of metal and other critical materials will be necessary to insure 1943 farm production. In the meantime, farmers are urged to take care of existing equipment and to make necessary repairs while repair parts are available.

BYRNES TO BE ARBITRATOR

President Roosevelt has designated Economic Stabilizer James F. Byrnes to arbitrate a difference between Secretary Wickard as food administrator, and other government agencies. This is expected to prevent any difficulties over rationing and other problems involving jurisdiction of more than one agency.

DRAFT DEFERMENT "FLEXIBLE"

The standards set by for deferment of "essential" farm workers, using the production of 16 "war units" er worker, is intended as a guide to local draft boards, rather than a hard and fixed rule. Selective service boards, with the advice of USDA war boards, are expected to combine "horse sense" with regulations in making individual determinations.

SCRAP HARVEST CONTINUES

Farmers are urged to look upon scrap as a recurring "harvest" rather than as a collection to be made once and for all. Machines and other items of metal and other critical materials are continually outliving their usefulness and becoming available for scrap. The motto should be: "if it can be repaired, fix it, if not, scrap it." Incidentally, truck owners may get additional gas rations from local OPA boards for the collection of scrap, if the necessity of such rations can be established.

FOOD DELIVERIES INCREASE

Deliveries of American foods to allied nations increased by 93,000,000 pounds in October over preceding months. As new shipping and supply lines have opened, the flow of eggs, dairy products, meats, grains and other foodstuffs have increased.

BITS AND PIECES

OPA has authorized an increase of approximately one half a cent per pint in the retail price of light cream, such as whipping cream, has stopped entirely. All used farm machinery valued at $100 or more has been brought under price control, more information on this later. Room in farm homes rented to persons other than those spending a substantial time working on the farm are subject to rent control. Farmers may get enough kerosene for essential purposes by applying to local price and rationing boards on Form 1101. Fresh oranges, grapefruit and tangerines will be "victory food specials" for the period January 7 to 16. The citrus fruits, which will be in plentiful supply by that time, contain valuable vitamins and minerals essential to wartime living.

WARREN NAMES GOOD MEN TO CABINET POSTS

By LLOYD LAPHAM

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 2?.—(UP)—Governor-elect Earl Warren is well started on the makeup of his cabinet and the choices he has announced during the past week make it obvious he will have one of the best trained group of aides ever to work in the capitol.

Capitol observers were amazed—and gratified—when Warren chose City Manager John F. Hassler of Oakland as director of finance. They were bowled over when he named State Engineer Charles Purcell as director of public works. Purcell is one of the finest engineers in the nation—the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge is a sample of his work—and his promotion was so obvious that no previous governor ever thought of it.

Another veteran Warren will keep on the job is Corporation Commissioner Edwin M. Daugherty, a registered Democrat from Los Angeles who has done a fine job on a non-political basis.

The three Warren secretaries hold up the high plane of his selections. Chief Assistant Attorney General William Sweigert gave up his $8,000 job to take over Warren's office at $5,000. He is a Democrat, too, further indication of Warren's disregard of partisan politics. Asstng Sweigert will be Miss Eileen McGregor, deputy attorney general, and Verne Scoggins, political writer, for the Stockton Record. All three are experts in their field and capable of advising the governor instead of "yessing" him.

Retiring Governor Olson also had some plums to hand out. He ended speculation on his supreme court vacancy by naming Appellate Justice B. R. Schuer of Los Angeles, who was quickly ratified by he qualifications commmission, which includes Warren. Olson chose Brodie Ahlport law partner of his son, Richard Olson, to succeed Schauer.

The state had only four political parties after the secretary of state got through counting up the votes from the November 3 election. The Townsend party got only 15,301 votes for it's best candidate—Nathan T. Porter for governor —whereas the required total was three per cent of the total vote, or 67,929.

With the Townsends eliminated, only the Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists and Communists remained. Since 1938, three other parties have disappeared from the ballot, the Progressives, Commonwealths and Socialists.

State Controller Harry B. Riley gave the welcome news that the state is $59,494,379 in the black in, despite a paltry half million drop in the general fund cash excess under the total for October. It was only a year ago that the state had a deficiency of $24,938,758. War revenues helped give the state treasury the shot in the arm.

For the first time since way back, if ever, the state treasury appeared off to a flying start even before a speaker was chosen. But it appeared a safe bet that Assemblyman Charles Lyon of Los Angeles had the speakership in the bag. He has even worked out the tentative committee lists, on the basis of a streamlined 27 committees instead of the usuual 58. There has been some squealing from the south but Lyon will hold his ground if anybody does.

Of tremendous importance to government officials, even if slightly complicated to the layman, is the threat of the large banks to bring a court test of assessment methods of gas years, particularly as it applies to banking taxes. The franchise tax department has set the bank rate at 7.89 per cent of its net income but the base on which the tax is computed has been incorrectl figured, the banks contend. There is too much at stake to brush off lightly—many years of litigation are likely.

A good appointment came out of the Olson hopper, a registered nurse by name of Elizabeth Brown, director of the school of nursing at the Los Angeles Count general hospital, to the state board of nurse examiners.

ROAD CASUALTIES ALMOST AS HIGH AS THOSE OF WAR

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—(UP)—Traffic casualties in California for 1942 were 22 per cent less than last year but this year's figure was almost as great as that of the nation's fighting forces abroad, the state department of motor vehicles announced today.

The dead and injured in highway accidents reached 56,300.

"The public will now wonder whether the careless driver is not a menace to national safety than the Japs and Nazis," Victor W. Killick, departmental statistician, said.

Although described in the Killick report as "disgracefully high in view of the great need for manpower at this time," the 1942 traffic death rate is 815 or approximately 22 per cent under the 3,615 total of 1941, which was an all time high.

Less traffic and the enforcement of lower speed regulations, made necessary by gasoline and tire rationing programs, were given as primary factors in the reduction.

A sharp increase was noted in the number of drunken drivers involved in accidents. During the first ten months of the year alone 373 such drivers were involved in fatal accidents and 5,457 in injury accidents.

WORLD HISTORY TO MARK 1943 AS TURNING POINT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—"The year 1943 is going to mark a turning point in modern history. The United Nations have a last seized the initiative in the war, and the months to come will see the unfoldment of their grand strategy."

This is the opinion of Rex Miller, former foreign correspondent, editor, and lecturer in World Affairs for the University of California Extension Division. Miller, who views current events against a background of experience both as a member of Harvard University's history faculty, and as a foreign correspondent and author, feels that any doubts people may formerly have had as to the existence of a "grand strategy" on tne part of the United Nations were laid to rest by the stroke that has been dealt the Axis in Africa.

"The statesmanship and military genius displayed by American and British leaders in French North Africa in no way suffer by comparison with the blilliant military successes of Hitler, and rest upon a much firmer foundation than his most daring exploits," Miller says. "Hitler once boasted that he was laying the foundation for the next 1000 years of human history. But he has now passed the zenith of his power, and it is we who are preparing the shape of things to come."

Santa Claus Visits Nevada County Court House

Santa Claus impersonated by Judge George W. Gildersleeve participated in the Christmas festivities of the court house came down the stairs instead of chimney the lobby of the court house where the entire group received him Thursday afternoon.

He circled among them shaking hands with all and this completed he began the distribution of the presents that were grouped about the tree. There was a gift for everybody—they were real nice gifts too, but some of them hit a well known weakness of the recipient and created much amusement.

When he had completed ditribution of the gifts Santa Claus Gildersleeve made a neat little seech oppropriate to the occasion and led in the singing of several songs.

Adjournment was then taken to the supervisors' room where refresnments were served and a jolly hour spent in story telling.

VILLAGE GREEN SCRAP PILES TO BE MOVED AS SOON AS NEEDED

Large Open-Air Scrap Warehouses Sign of High Community Interest

"If we're really so hard up for scrap—then why the blazes do they let the stuff pile up for days on village greens and in dealers' yards before hauling it away?"

That's a question which is on the tip of people's tongues from Maine to California. It's a question for which Uncle Sam has a multitude of very positive answers.

You might as well ask a man why he keeps his bankroll in the bank instead of stuffing it into his pants pocket. Those mountains of scrap metal on your village green are open-air warehouses—your Government's scrap bank-account to be drawn on as needed. Washington has its eye on these scrap reserves just as the FBI has its eye on a lot of fifth columnists whom they'll arrest in good time.

Large stockpiles do not constitute a cause for alarm. The time to worry is when these towering peaks of rubber and metal begin to dwindle; when they level off from mountains to molehills.

The next time you become impatient at the sight of a slow-moving heap of scrap, remember these facts: There are only 6,500 scrap dealers in the country to handle the hundreds of thousands of community scrap accumulations. A dealer's yard can actually handle only about one hundred tons at a time. That's two freight cars full. If every dealer in the country—to satisfy public clamor to move scrap quickly—suddenly decided to send his stock to the mills, the resulting rush would tie up 18,000 freight cars. Now, the railroads are packing tremendous war loads on an endless round-the-clock, round-the-country basis. Freight cars have to be carefully allotted. If it comes to a question of hauling a hundred tons of *finished* tanks or a hundred tons of *potential* tanks in the form of scrap, well, the salvage waits for the next train.

Before scrap can be shipped to the foundries it must go through a tedious process of sorting and preparation which requires a minimum of three days per ton. As many as 75 varieties of metal scrap alone may be turned in by junkies to the yards daily. These must be sorted into more than ten distinct piles. Separating the alloys from ordinary steel requires time, thought and much physical labor.

Furthermore, mills and smelters insist that their scrap orders be broken or cut into specified lengths and sizes. Lighter pieces, such as automobile fenders, must be compressed into heavy bundles about two feet square. Heavier material is run through a shearing mill or seared by acetylene torches into small pieces. This is followed by the tedious job of baling and compressing to fit freight-car requirements.

The wonder is that despite the herculean tasks of sorting and preparation, the dealer can often bundle his stock off to market in as little as two or three days. The mountain of "junk" in a dealer's yard on Thursday morning may have a familiar appearance. But it's not the same pile you saw on Monday. A yard without some scrap in process is like a grocery store with empty shelves.

Even in ordinary times the speed of scrap to the mills is affected by the necessarily slow trip through the dealers' yards. Now, during war-time, however, two other factors intensify the dealer's problems.

One is the problem which the farmer also knows something about—a lack of manpower. The head of a local scrap yard, who formerly could put three or four men to work at the difficult task of sorting, grading and preparation, now must do this job practically alone. On top of that, he has just been handed from the people of the United States, the largest offering of household scrap in the history of the world. He is not equipped to whisk these mountains of metal off the horizon overnight. The steel mills, by the same token, could not consume all this scrap overnight. That scrap *will* be picked up—in time and in sufficient quantities to arrive at the mills and on the battlefronts when and where it is needed. Nowhere in America is there a victory stockpile too high or too great. Their size reflects the determination of people in the community to back the boys at the front with the weapons they deserve in a fight to the death. It's up to you and your neighbors to build America's hopes for victory by building neighborhood stockpiles to the sky.

Don't forget! It's much better to have our reserves in 35,000 piles—sorted and tallied—than in 30,000,000 attics, barns and plants.

WPB ASKS FARMERS TO BRING IN SCRAP

Nelson Telegram Points Out Need For Heavy Farm Metal

WASHINGTON — The Nation's farmers will take the pole position in the stretch drive for heavy iron and steel scrap during the closing weeks of 1942, according to a telegram from WPB Chairman Donald Nelson to the editors of more than 10,000 weekly newspapers and farm publications.

Emphasizing the need for heavy scrap to strengthen the greater abundance of lighter household scrap, which flooded the country's scrap yards as a result of the recent newspaper campaign, Mr. Rosenwald called attention to the fact that, next to Industry, the agricultural areas are the best source of heavy scrap.

Already in the spotlight because of his extra efforts to increase crop production in the face of serious wartime shortages of manpower and machinery, the farmer thus assumes the added burden of supplying war materials needed in the production of ships, tanks, guns, aircraft and all kinds of mechanized equipment.

Despite the difficulties of crop production, however, farmers have taken an active part in scrap collection from the beginning, and have already made a good showing. But now that their harvests have been completed and they are free to devote a large share of their time to other activities, the Government is asking them to make an all-out effort to collect and turn in every pound of idle scrap still remaining on almost every farm, during the next few weeks.

All of the manpower and transportation facilities of local salvage committees in the rural areas will be thrown into this year-end effort of 1942, Mr. Rosenwald said. The press has been asked to give widespread publicity to the drive and to use their influence to coordinate the activities of all cooperating groups, such as the American Farm Bureau, the National Grange, the Farmer's Union, the Four-H Clubs, the Future Farmers of America, the Boy Scouts, the REA Cooperatives, the WPA, State and County Highway Departments, the Farm Equipment Dealers, the Automotive Safety Foundation, local civic and business organizations, and many others.

U.S.D.A. War Board Chairmen, County Agents, and Community Leaders, who have been among the most active in farm scrap collection in the past, are in a position to give important aid, and will be called upon to take a leading part.

Conservation Department officials point out that in many sections of the country this drive will be a race against the weather, and that no time should be lost in getting started. Winter weather will be a handicap, but unless transportation is completely paralyzed, the work of collection, it is believed will be prosecuted with the utmost vigor. "Snow, ice, rain and mud, will not stop our men on the fighting front," said Eric H. Marks, Chief of the Farm Scrap Section, "and we know it will not stop the army of farmers and volunteer workers in this drive for heavy farm scrap."

Reports coming in from every section of the country indicate that the amount of iron and steel scrap still remaining on American farms far exceeds the tonnage so far turned in. In fact, it is evident that the surface has hardly been scratched, and it is for this reason that great hopes are held out for a smashing success in the current effort.

A word of caution is voiced by the Department of Agriculture to all who participate in this drive, not to overlook the fact that usable parts should be removed from old machines and salvaged for future use. This is because farm machinery is now being rationed, and all existing farm machines must be kept in operating condition. Save the usable parts; repair every machine that can be used; scrap the rest.

Already there are signs that this will prove to be one of the most popular of civilian war efforts. Farmers know of the records set up in city drives for household scrap, and they do not intend to be beaten by their city cousins. They know that more farm scrap is what Uncle Sam wants, and they are going to see that he gets it.

ARGENTINA WANT TO PLAY SAFE, SAYS PROFESSOR

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28.—Although the Argentine people are pro-democratic and hope that the United Nations will win the war, they are behind their government in trying to maintain a neutral position in word and deed throughout World War II.

This is the opinion of Austin F. Macdonald, professor of political science, who has just returned from a meeting of the Institute of World Affairs held in Riverside, California.

"Argentina's position can be summed up in two words: foreign trade." Professor Macdonald said. "The people know the United States will not buy Argentine beef and wheat and that they must therefore sell to Europe—or the country that is master of Europe. And although their sympathies are with the democratic nations, they are protecting their interests from fear that the winner might be Germany."

He discounted arguments that Argentina's neutral position could be accounted for by large numbers of German and Italian inhabitants, pointing out that only three per cent of the population is German or of German extraction and that while the Italians are the second largest racial group, they have mingled with the Argentines as the English mingled with the Americans here.

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